During the period from January October 1987 the following quantities of cement were imported through State Trading Corpoi ation of India Ltd., as per the particulars given below :—

J. Ordinal) Grey Putland Cement	IC,500 MTS (This w?s the bjlance out ct a total impcrt of 5-CO lakh U nnes autho-rised by the Gcvt. during 1985-86).
2. Rapid Harden-ing Pe it land Cement	270 MTs
3. Cement Fcndu	35 MTs

(b) and (c) No decision has been taken to export cement on a regular basis. Howevei. some cement companies are exploring the possibilities of exporting cement to neighbouring countries. Proposals for export of 2 85 lakh MTs. of cement to Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal have been cleared However, exports have not /Materialised because of wide gap between international and domestic prices.

Drug production from different stages

845 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Ministei of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of those drugs which are being produced in the country from different stages;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of the same drug will be different if produced from different stages; and

(c) if so, on what basis the average selling price will be fixed as provided in the price contiol order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : (a) About 225 bulk drugs are being ptoduced by about 250 units in the Organised Sector and over 200 units in the Small , Scale Sector Several of these drugs such and its salts, Chloramphenicol. Frusemide,. Prednisolone, Vitamin A, Diazepam, Doxy-cycline etc. are being produced from basic stage. Several drugs such as Analgin, Dexamethasone, Pyrazinamide, Ethambutol, Chloroquin. Amodiaquine etc are produced ftom intermediate/penultimate stage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The weighted average price in res-pect of any bulk drug will be fixed taking into account the price fixed for different manufacturer in respect of that bulk drug irrespective of the stage.

(d) Decontrol of Prices of Saridon, etc.

846 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Saridon, Equagesic Tablets. Betadine, Burnol, Neba-sulf, Agarol and lodex have been pricfr-dccontrolled;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these medicines are being used by the common people; and

(c) what aie the names ot ihe major ngredients in each medicine ?

(d) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND 'ETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINIS-rRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAI-IHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) To the xtent information is available, the compo-ition of the pioducts refeired to in the [iiestion is given in the enclosed Statement *see* below). Betadine, Buinol, Agarol nd lodex are price decontrolled and Sari-Ion Equagesic and Nebasulf are price-ontrolled as per provisions of DPCO,